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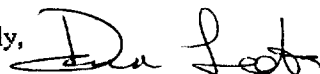
To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of the petition 98P-0151/CP1 filed by Farm Sanctuary and Michael Baur, that calls for the explicit labeling of downed animals as adulterated, which will prohibit their transport and slaughter.

The execution of explicit labeling will not only lessen the burdens of the animals sentenced to cruel lives in these factory farms, but also help to educate the consumer in the purchase of meat and avoid the severe Mad Cow disease. If studies show that downed animals may harbor Mad Cow disease, then there is no doubt in my mind that these animals should not be further dragged into the slaughterhouses, for a step closer to their consumption.

I urge the FDA to consider the petition for explicit labeling. It will not only reduce the immeasurable suffering of the animals, but it may avoid the suffering of humans as well. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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